

TESTIMONY ON BILL 5207

February 25, 2010

To the Labor & Public Employees Committee:

Good afternoon, I am in favor and fully support Raised Bill 5207: An Act Concerning Criminal Background Checks For Prospective State Employees.

I am strongly in favor of letting released prisoners have a fair chance to build a new life without crime. The first necessity is finding a job. Even in these difficult days, mean and unnecessary barriers must not dash hope. A released person is no longer "a criminal", and they have finished their sentence. Please vote to give them a real chance. Thank-you.

-Rev. Anne H. Higgins
(Retired UCC minister.)